

PRESS RELEASE

HAND-FOOT-MOUTH DISEASE

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I would like to touch on the following issues in this Press Release.

1. Statistics on Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) as of 29/03/2006 at 10.00am:

REPORTED CASES

Total cumulative reported cases : 7,196

Divisions with the highest number of cumulative cases are as follows:

1. Sibü	- 2097
2. Miri	- 1077
3. Bintulu	- 910
4. Kuching	- 849
5. Sarikei	- 706
6. Mukah	- 595

Total new reported cases : 170

Divisions with the highest number of new cases are as follows:

1. Bintulu	- 33
2. Miri	- 26
3. Samarahan	- 23
4. Sarikei	- 19
5. Sri Aman	- 15
6. Kuching	- 14

ADMISSIONS

Total number of cumulative admissions : 1213

Divisions with the highest number of cumulative admission are as follows:

1. Sibü	- 446
2. Bintulu	- 165
3. Sarikei	- 130
4. Mukah	- 94
5. Kapit	- 89
6. Miri	- 88

No. of new admission : 30

1. Bintulu Hospital	- 6
2. Sibü Hospital	- 6
3. Sarikei Hospital	- 4
4. Sri Aman Hospital	- 3
5. Mukah Hospital	- 3
6. Kapit Hospital	- 2

No. of HFMD patients still in the ward : 63

The hospital with the highest number of patients in the ward are :

1. Sibü Hospital	- 15
2. Bintulu Hospital	- 12
3. Sarikei Hospital	- 9
4. Kapit Hospital	- 8
5. Sarawak General Hospital	- 5

2. Other Related Measure With HFMD Outbreak

- There are 7196 cumulative cases with 170 new cases detected. The highest number of new cases was from Bintulu Division followed by Miri and Samarahan Divisions respectively. It is noted that 26 (15.3%) of the 170 new cases were detected by Active Case Detection.
- 30 new hospital admissions were reported. There is no ill case in the ward.
- Two more schools were closed yesterday;
 - i.) SK Serian, in Samarahan Division with 4 cases.
 - ii.) SK Sg. Duan, Mukah Division with 9 cases.
 - iii.) While SK Abang Aing in Sri Aman Division was closed for students in primary one, two and three with 9 cases.